GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY FACILITY TO FISHERMEN
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the pathetic economic backwardness of the traditional fishermen community, the Government would consider extending subsidy facility to them on their fuel requirements for fishing purposes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Subsidised kerosene oil is supplied to traditional fishermen for use in their Outboard Motors(OBMs) for fishing purposes through Public Distribution System from the over-all quota of kerosene allotted to states by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

(b): As per the information available from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, the average over-all quota of subsidized kerosene allotted to maritime states and Union Territories is about 53 million tonnes with a gradual annual increase for the last few years.